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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR BINDZI'S MEETING WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE, JULY 5

1. AMBASSADOR BINDZI MET WITH MR. MOOSE AND AF/C DESK OFFICER MARCUS TO DISCUSS BILATERAL RELATIONS AND ISSUES AT THE UPCOMING OAU MEETINGS IN KHARTOUM.
2. BINDZI WANTED TO KNOW WHERE CAMEROON STOOD IN USG AFRICAN POLICY. MOOSE SAID THAT CAMEROON HAS AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION FOR ITS POLITICAL STABILITY, ITS WELL MANAGED ECONOMY, AND ITS VOICE OF REASON IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. MOOSE URGED CAMEROON TO PLAY MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN THIS CONTEXT SINCE IT WAS INFLUENTIAL AND ENJOYED GOOD RELATIONS WITH OTHER AFRICAN STATES.

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3. BINDZI THOUGHT THAT SUCH HIGH USG REGARD FOR CAMEROON WAS FINE BUT INSUFFICIENT. BINDZI THEN REITERATED FAMILIAR THEME THAT U.S. WAS NOT DOING ENOUGH IN THE WAY OF ASSISTANCE FOR CAMEROON, THAT WHILE HE UNDERSTOOD CONGRESSIONAL GUIDELINES CONCERNING AID POLICY, THE ADMINISTRATION SHOULD BE PRESSING FOR CHANGES IN FOREIGN ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION TO PERMIT GREATER FLEXIBILITY TO MEET DEVELOPING NATIONS'

REAL NEEDS. PROJECTS LIKE CUSS AND WATER RESOURCES MANAGE-

MENT WERE FINE BUT DID NOT MAKE MAJOR IMPACT ON NATIONAL ECONOMY. MARCUS POINTED OUT THAT MANY AID PROJECTS, SUCH AS THOSE DESIGNED TO IMPROVE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, HAVE IMPORTANT ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES. MOOSE EXPLAINED THAT CURRENT GUIDELINES RESULT FROM CONGRESS' DESIRE TO MINIMIZE POLITICIZATION OF AID PROGRAM AND PROVIDE FUNDS TO HELP THOSE MOST IN NEED.

4. TURNING TO OAU MATTERS, BINDZI WISHED TO KNOW U.S. ATTITUDE REGARDING POSSIBLE RELOCATION OF OAU HEADQUARTERS FROM ADDIS ABABA. MOOSE STATED THAT IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR U.S. TO TAKE POSITION ON WHAT IS AN IN-HOUSE AFRICAN MATTER.

5. MOOSE ASKED WHICH TOPICS WERE LIKELY TO BE RAISED. BINDZI MENTIONED THE ELECTION OF NEW SECRETARY-GENERAL, ALSO POSSIBLY ANGOLA AND SHABA. MOOSE URGED GURC TO SUPPORT ANY MEASURES TAKEN BY NEW OAU CHAIRMAN TO STRENGTHEN THAT BODY'S PEACEMAKING MACHINERY.

6. ON RHODESIA, BINDZI DID NOT KNOW IF OAU WOULD FORMALLY ENDORSE PATRIOTIC FRONT, BUT SAID IT WAS CLEAR THAT INTERNAL SETTLEMENT WAS NOT WORKING. ON NAMIBIA, HE THOUGHT OAU WAS LIKELY TO FOLLOW LEAD OF FRONTLINE STATES WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REGARD TO CONTACT GROUP PROPOSALS.

7. BINDZI SAID AHIDJO WOULD ATTEND SUMMIT MEETING.

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